

## TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES Thursday, March 15, 2018

### Cable Community Centre

Chairman\_Hancock called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to suspend the agenda and place #28 after #16 and #34 after #28 new and #22 after #2 and #39 after the #34 new. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

**APPOINTMENT OF TOWN SUPERVISOR TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM** – Chairman Hancock explained that Supervisor Jeffery Rasmussen has resigned effective Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 2018. Chairman Hancock appointed David Popelka as Supervisor to fill the unexpired term through April 2019. Chairman Hancock thanked Jeff Rasmussen for his service to the Town of Cable.

**APPOINTMENT OF A ROAD SUPERVISOR** – Chairman Hancock appointed Supervisor Thurn as the Road Supervisor.

MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to dispense the reading of the minutes and approve them as presented.

MOTION seconded by Supervisor Popelka and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Popelka and carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** – As of this writing, our fair town of Cable is finding its way out of the throes of winter. The shortest and darkest days are over, and spring fever is beginning to seep into the air. Over the course of the winter, our Roads Crew did a fantastic job of keeping our streets plowed, sanded and relatively safe. The skating rink was well used this winter, and we are appreciative of Dan Malesovich for keeping it clear for us. With the warmer temperatures, we made the decision to shut the rink down for the season. The new Cable Town Trails at the Marvin Fagg Memorial Forest are being used extensively by fat bikers, snowshoers, and hikers all winter, and they have already proved to be a cherished asset to the town. And, of course, we find ourselves on the other side of the American Birkebeiner that once again was a huge success with thousands of visitors enjoying the beauty of our home. While winter presents any number of challenges to us, one that became exceedingly apparent is the need we have to pile snow in the town. While we are always excited to see new development in town, it does present an additional challenge of finding suitable places to which to push snow from our streets. The Roads Committee and the Town Board will have to discuss this issue over the warmer months.

There have been a number of exciting developments in town over the course of the last month. In particular, it was fun to experience the opening of the new Velo Café. Deneen and Rich Carpenter have done an exceptional job of fixing up the old bakery, and opened for business for one spectacular Birkie week. We wish Velo Café all the success that they so richly deserve. It has also been great to see the new restaurant/bar building starting to go up at the site of the old Corner Bar. As far as I know, the new business has not been given a name, but it promises to be a hugely popular addition to our downtown. John and Amy Higgins are the owners of the property and they have hired Tom Letke to do the construction. While there were a few delays in getting started, it is well worth the wait, and it will continue to be exciting to see the building grow and change in the coming months.

We have had several staff changes in the last two months. Of course, Tammy Rasmussen, the Administrative Assistant for the Town of Cable, retired after 11 years of service leaving huge shoes to fill. After interviewing several highly qualified applicants, the Town Board hired Kelli Tuttle as a new Deputy Clerk. In this capacity, she will be doing many of the tasks that Tammy did and other tasks assigned by the Town Clerk. Kelli is a graduate of Purdue University, has owned her own business for over twenty years, has extensive experience in working with municipalities, and is a quick study. We are so very fortunate to have Kelli join our team. In addition, Laura Bjork

has announced her resignation from her position as Town Clerk. Laura, too, has faithfully and doggedly served our town for 11 years, having been elected and re-elected six times. Laura has kept the Town Board on track and out of trouble. She has overseen many, many elections, spent countless hours at Town Board meetings, written hundreds of pages of minutes from same meetings, answered telephone calls, responded to complaints, studied state statutes, and has done literally hundreds and hundreds of tasks that aren't even in her job description. She has done it for the love of Cable and with sure grace and patience and humor. I know that I speak for the entire Town Board in expressing our unreserved appreciation. In her place, I will be appointing Deanne Allen. Deanne has many years of experience as a legal secretary, administrative secretary, and recording secretary. She knows the ins and outs of municipalities, and will also be an excellent addition to the town staff. Deanne will be training under Laura, and will take on the full set of clerk duties after Laura's official resignation date in April. Finally, Jeff Rasmussen has stepped down as Supervisor for the Town of Cable after many years. Jeff was the quiet and wise presence on the Town Board with extensive experience and background. He will be sorely missed. In his place, I will be appointing David Popelka. David is as well known in Cable as they come. He loves this community, is super engaged in town affairs, is knowledgeable, hardworking, and well-reasoned. I am so appreciative of David for agreeing to be appointed. David will serve the remainder of Jeff's term on the Town Board, and my hope is that he will stand for election in April of 2019.

Another exciting development in February was the passage of a bill through the State Legislature that permits the Town of Cable to establish a Tax Incremental District. This is a tool that enables municipalities such as villages and cities to come alongside a potential developer to develop or redevelop a blighted property. Of course, we hope that this tool may prove helpful with a potential Telemark redevelopment. Regardless of whether we exercise the tool or not, it is a huge honor that the State Legislature is bestowing upon our town. The right to establish TIDs is usually reserved only for much larger municipalities. In their wisdom, however, our state legislators have seen the immense potential of our community and are bestowing upon us this extraordinary power. It is expected that Governor Walker will sign the bill into law later this spring.

Finally, I wish to thank all of our citizens who have become engaged in serving on committees, volunteering at events, preparing community dinners, and offering input to your elected officials. It is refreshing to see so many involved in making our town the best that it may be.

**SANITARY DISTRICT REPORT** – The Sanitary District is reviewing our complete ordinance so that any needed changes can be accomplished along with the fees revision at the hearing in April. The system is working properly and all reports with regulators are up to date. We are working on developing a list for Spring maintenance for the operator to complete as time allows.

**FOREST LODGE LIBRARY REPORT** - The library committee checking out libraries designed by architects under consideration visited the newly remodeled Evelyn Goldberg Briggs Public Library in Iron River on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. Some features of this library we liked very much...some not so much. Our travels will continue on March 23<sup>rd</sup> when we travel to visit the public library in Ely, MN. We are finding these trips to be worthwhile as we learn something with each visit. We do look forward to translating this learning and these ideas to an actual plan for our own building project!

We continue to pursue the development of an all-community calendar with assistance from Norvado personnel and encouragement from the Cable Tomorrow group. At a recent Northern Waters Library Service meeting we learned that the individual who handles website maintenance for our library sites will be leaving. Thus, we may find ourselves developing a new website which might delay the implementation of the calendar idea, but, should result in it being a more integrated part of the services we are able to offer.

Director Lendved attended both a Merlin Consortium meeting and a Northern Waters Director's meeting at the NWLS office on March 1<sup>st</sup>. In addition to learning we'll likely need to get a new website, we discussed some internal tech difficulties and how to solve them and learned about what's going on with the Public Library System

Redesign Project. The PLSR group has been meeting for well over a year and preparing to offer recommendations to the state about how to best update our existing library systems to offer best services to patrons state-wide. Director Lendved will be visiting the Cable Pre-School this week, which is something she very much enjoys! Keep track of what's up at the library by stopping to see us, following us on Facebook...or visiting our website!

**CABLE UNION AIRPORT COMMISSION REPORT** – Minutes were received. Supervisor Thurn added that the Bureau of Aeronautics is requesting participation in an Environment Assessment. This will clear any obstructions on the runway. The project will be bid out. So far, there are three engineering firms who have stated they would like to do the project. There needs to be a coalition between the BOA and the Park Service. An EA has to be done every three years. The airport is owned by 3 townships, so the Town of Cable would be responsible for 5% of the cost, which may be up to \$300,000. The Airport Commission is researching information to find out if it is necessary.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT** – None.

**PLAN COMMISSION REPORT** – Minutes were received.

**GREAT DIVIDE AMBULANCE REPORT** – Clerk Bjork stated that the ambulance service is extremely busy and Rob Puls is looking for more recruits.

**ENFORCEMENT REPORT** – None.

**ROAD REPORT** - Winter kicked back in during the last month giving us plenty of snow for Birkie and then some. The timing could have been a bit better, but we managed. Plowing for Birkie prioritizes a number of our back roads that normally don't get much attention, so we had to get our normal routes taken care of along with our fire lanes in the southern hills. I believe it all worked out well.

We received enough snow that we had to wing back our snow banks for the second time this year. We followed the grader with the loader and pushed back intersections, as well as widened driveway entrances and opened up around some mailboxes. We also spent quite a bit of time in the village relocating snow banks and making more room. Most of our snow storage spaces are at capacity, and we had to be creative finding new spots to put it. Bayfield County enacted the Seasonal Road Weight Restrictions on the County Highway system this past Monday. As always, the weight restrictions on our Town roads go on at the same time. We have had some cold nights, so we have been allowing temporary morning permits this week.

We had to replace the radiator in our Loader this month. We also had a wiring harness rub through on our 2015 Western Star plow truck. Hopefully the wiring harness will be covered under warranty. We are waiting on a determination from the company.

I applied for a grant from the Bayfield County Road Aids program to help pay for the work we are doing on Spider Lake Fire Lane. Hopefully we will be successful. I also submitted our annual Non-metallic Mining Permit for our gravel pit this past month. This year they required a DNR Storm Water Permit, so there was extra work involved. I was recently asked what our construction plans are for the summer, so I thought I would include that information in my report. We have the landscaping and parking improvements planned at Perry Lake Landing. We also hope to install Soft Landings at both Perry and Cable Lake. We have erosion control work to do at the new Ole Lake intersection. We have to haul gravel on West Cable Lake Road and then finish the shoulder grading and ditch work, and then seed and erosion control on that project. We also have shoulder grading and ditch work as well as seeding and erosion control work to finalize the Spider Lake Fire Lane project.

Our big project this year will be a one mile section of Sunset Road. It will start with tree removal and then stump removal. We will rough in the shoulders and ditches, and then add the 8 to 10 inches of gravel. Once the gravel is down, we will finish grade the ditches and shoulders, and then seed and mulch it. The paving will be done in 2019.

We also have the grant to do the tree removal on Lake Lodge Drive and Silver Birch. Once that is done, we will follow and clean up the debris and remove the stumps.

On top of all of this, I would like to start working on Ole Lake Road. The volume of traffic on that road is increasing, and there are times when it is impassable. We need to raise the road bed and create ditches to get the water away from the road and dry up the road bed. Once we get it properly shaped, it will be worth graveling to keep it solid.

That about covers things for this year. There is also maintenance work that occurs every year, so we have a very busy season planned.

**CABLE TOMORROW COMMITTEE REPORT** – The Recreation Team completed work on both the Event Check list and the Recreation Plan for Cable. The event check list is a living document containing contact information for anyone hosting an event in Cable and includes such information as public postings, trail and road closure information, as well as emergency services and parking. A copy of this list may be seen on the Cable Tomorrow webpage. The Recreation plan has been completed and is being finalized for community review in April. The plan incorporates the community input from this summer's sessions and will become part of the comprehensive plan for Cable. The Economic Development team completed work on a prospectus for a potential purchaser of the old school property and is also working on developing a "locals card" concept with the University of Wisconsin, Superior. The purpose of this card would be to honor the local community while visiting Cable businesses. The Culture and Education team met with Norvado's Chad Young to discuss the video night and software options for a community calendar. Both projects are moving ahead. Information provided by Norvado on potential software programs that would link to the library website are being reviewed by the library team. There is the potential for an updated website for the library which may delay the calendar project. The Downtown/Housing, Connect Communities team produced a Design Guideline document which would allow businesses to apply for low interest facade loans. This document is now being reviewed by the Plan Commission prior to forwarding to the Town Board for approval. A work meeting was held on a theme for Cable to be used on all signage and correspondence. More information will be posted on the Cable Tomorrow webpage as plans unfold. Once again, we welcome people interested in a particular project to sign up on the Cable Tomorrow page of the Town of Cable website. Suzanne Rooney stated that they are looking at combining several of the committees so that there is no overlap with information. She is looking for volunteers to join the committees.

MOTION made by Supervisor Popelka to accept reports as written. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

**PUBLIC INPUT** (limited to 5 minutes) – Gilbert Rasmussen stated he would like to have public notice for meetings earlier and more detailed so the public is aware of what is going on. Chairman Hancock stated that there have been staff changes in the office, but the law states that regular town board meetings need to be posted within 24 hours in advance. He stated that the board could use the website to communicate to the public.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON TREE TRIMMING AND TURNAROUND ON CABLE SUNSET EXTENSION** – Chairman Hancock stated that the town received a Firewise Grant to do work on Cable Sunset Ext and in Wilde River. The town has considered this in conjunction of getting other projects done as well. The DNR recommended certain things we could do to protect from a forest fire in our community. He was very convinced at that point to apply for the grant. The problem was that almost all the residents disagreed with the decision. He is suggesting a compromise to be considered, which would be to trim the trees and widen the turnaround at the end of the road. Chairman Hancock stated that this doesn't affect the work on Cable Sunset Road. This does not set precedence for how the Town Board will make decisions. When considering a project, the Town Board will take information from the community and consider the information and make the best decision for the community. DNR monies have

been received, and those funds will be sacrificed for part of the project. MOTION made by Chairman Hancock that the town approve the compromised solution forged by our Roads Supervisor and concerned residents, which includes trimming of trees on Cable Sunset Ext. and widening the turnaround for snowplows and emergency vehicles. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn. It was noted that there is no longer a need to create ditches for water run-off. Chairman Hancock stated that the road will get placed back in line with all the other roads in Cable rather than being bumped up because of the grant monies that would have come in to help with the project. Tony Merrill asked if tree removal will be discussed again when the road is being considered to be resurfaced. Chairman Hancock replied that it will be up for discussion among the roads committee and will be considered. Tony Merrill stated that the cost for the tree removal will be considerably less now than 5 to 10 years from now. Supervisor Thurn thanked the community for the letters and concerns presented to the Town Board. MOTION carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PURCHASE OR RENTAL OF AN EXCAVATOR** - Bob Lang explained that the town is trying to move forward with a road improvement program within the Town of Cable. It has been documented and proven that the town cannot afford to just go out and blacktop roads. One mile of blacktop road cost \$500,000. The Town of Barnes demonstrated that with the Lake Road project. They spent \$70,000 on an engineer, and the winning bid was \$970,000. In the past, the Town of Cable has kept track of road project costs, and documented them. The costs include state rates and depreciation rates for utilizing owned equipment. According to the analysis, the Town of Cable can do work in house for 40% of the cost of contracting the work. It is hard not to look at ways to save money. The town has also done partial contracts. There is a process to contract the work to be done, which includes an engineer and a bidding process. It is no longer an option to do pieces of a project. The town has capable operators. Last year the town took on a lot of work and rented a machine. The town crew needed to focus on the construction to utilize the machine rental during this time and the maintenance was not being done. He recognizes the cost savings of these projects done by the town crew. The town has spent \$75,000 on the Cable Sunset Road project this year. So far to date, using state rates, the town spent \$47,000. The cost of that project would have been \$240,000 if contracted. The evidence to do in house work is saving the town tons of money. The excavator is the best tool to be able to do the work that needs to be done. There are failing roads and small projects that could be addressed as well if an excavator was purchased. The rental creates a situation where the crew has to focus on the machine during the time frame that the machine is being rented. If a machine is rented for 5 months, the rental company gives one month free. This would allow the town crew to take care of other things that would need to be addressed during the rental time period. The fact of having to return a machine after renting needs to be considered when contemplating purchasing. The town would save between \$180,000 and \$230,000 over a 20 year period by purchasing an excavator. The machine can be hauled with the trailers that the town already owns, and it is big enough to do the foreseeable amount of work. The Town Board has two options: continue to rent and save money or purchase and save even more money. Chairman Hancock stated that there are two big issues that the Town Board needs to consider: Should the town be in the business of road construction or should the town be in the business of just road maintenance? And then, to what extent should the town be re-constructing roads? Those are issues that the roads committee will be dealing with. The Town Board needs guidance with the town roads. The job cost for West Cable Lake Road? was \$40,000, which included wages, the cost of the rental machine and depreciation at state rates. The cost was only \$36,000 if the state rates are taken out. 39,000 tons of dirt was moved out there. Gilbert Rasmussen asked if all the dirt would have been necessary to move if an engineer did the work. Bob Lang responded that they would have been more extensive, because the town crew left steep banks. Gilbert Rasmussen asked where the town wants to go with this? Does the town want to get in the business of construction? The amount of work to be done would take years and a lot of money. Bob Lang stated that there is evidence shown by local townships. Blue Moon Road was re-surfaced 3 times. Each time it was re-surfaced with blacktop at an 80% of cost compared to what we do. We spend a lot on gravel, but the actual ditching to get water away from the road is less than 20% of the project. Then

the life expectancy is doubled to tripled. The Town of Cable receives \$2,200 per mile from the state road tax, which would allow reconstruction of a road every 70 years. That would be 200 years of rotation. Telemark Road was done 20 years ago and is in excellent shape. Lake Owen Drive was contracted with 50' width and steep banks. The road ended up heaving do to soil conditions. Chairman Hancock stated that the construction budget is \$130,000. An excavator will cost \$160,000 to \$168,000. Nortrax and Caterpillar had both bid out the excavator that the town was considering to purchase. This year the budget included \$28,000 for an excavator rental. The town would need to take a 6 year loan out for a maximum of \$140,000 with a 3% interest rate. Payments would be \$25,525 for the next 6 years, which would be able to come out of the roads construction budget yearly. If the machine is rented 3 out of 5 years there would be \$180,000 cost savings. Supervisor Thurn stated that the discussion is roads construction verse roads maintenance. For the last 18 years she has seen the road crew move towards road construction because it was more affordable. One key is road foundation. One of the first roads done this way was Lake Owen Road. Maintenance of a road is needed because of a lack of good foundation. Look at the example of OO. That road is the same as Lake Owen Drive, and Lake Owen Drive has seen a lot less problems. The town has done a good job of keeping up the roads. The town has limited budgets and is behind because we have 76 miles of road. Renting is not a good investment. The town can own the equipment for less than what it was rented for last year. Matt Bjork asked how many hours the town crew put on the machine that was rented last year. Bob Lang stated approximately 260. He added that the machine was not utilized every minute due to certain circumstances, such as town crew illness. Matt Bjork stated that the usage of the machine needs to be evaluated when contemplating the purchase of a machine. Bob Lang noted that the complete usage should be evaluated, not just the road projects. Examples would include the repair of Spider Lake Fire Lane and Ole Lake Road. The loader and grader cannot be used out there. If an excavator was owned a project could get done in 3 or 4 years. Matt Bjork stated that the machine would not be used for 6 months or more; it would be in storage. It was noted that in order for the Town Board to approve a loan, it would need to be approved by a resolution. David Popelka stated that he and Bob Lang discussed life cycles rather than immediate costs. In a lease situation it is never paid for. The purchase could cost the same amount of money as a lease and the equipment would be owned after 6 years. The equipment is no longer a cost to the town after 7 years no matter how many hours of usage it has. There is also insurance, storage and upkeep to consider. They were conservative with their numbers. Maybe there would be some years it wouldn't be necessary to lease, but if a machine was owned, the projects that needed an excavator would be done. They discussed that when the town crew is doing road construction maintenance doesn't get top priority. Road projects take longer than being hired out, so that was considered when looking at the cost savings. Is this worth the extra time and inconvenience to the residents? All this needs to be considered. Bob Lang stated that the other significant bonus is the municipal discount on the machine. Unlike most purchases in life, there is equity in the machine and it continues to build. The town could still sell the machine and not lose money. Mark Rasmussen stated that he would love to see equipment not depreciate being in business, but that doesn't happen. He asked if the town needs to take on big projects. Was it really necessary to move the earth and disturb it and not put it back together on West Cable Lake Road and Spider Lake Road? The road maintenance is not getting done. When considering the projects, does it warrant owning the machine? Chairman Hancock stated that Bob has done his homework in considering a lease verses a purchase. The question he wrestles with is which projects are the town taking on and is the town digging too deep or is it appropriate? Bob Lang stated that one downside last year was that nothing was finished that was started when the machine was rented, because they had to get done with the excavator. He stated that it would be different if it was owned, because the town crew would not be in a push to get the job done. Mark Rasmussen stated that the town is stepping on enterprise. Suzanne Rooney stated that the machines were leased 100 years ago. Hardly anything was purchased. She stated that she loves the numbers, but wonders what other townships have had a similar experience and could say that it makes sense. We may not know what we don't know. Supervisor Thurn talked about intergovernmental cooperation; adjoining towns using each other's equipment. Bob Lang stated that

in those cases, you need to trust the operators. The only way to have intergovernmental cooperation is that an operator went with the machine. Gilbert Rasmussen stated that he would like to see the projects that the town has lined up that would be able to use the machine and add that into the cost evaluation. Supervisor Thurn stated that the town has done cost evaluations in the past 15 years. Mic Endersbe noted that the savings would be approximately \$15,000 per year. The Town Board should look at the budget and see where the risk needs to be taken. Paul Gilbert stated that there is \$500,000 fire truck that will need to be purchased in the near future. Chairman Hancock responded that there are other things to attend to, but this is before the Town Board presently. Mic Endersbe asked if the town is fiscally healthy. He stated a commission is a great idea and then a comprehensive plan. Bob Lang stated that a decision needs to be made because the construction season is coming up. The rental pool is becoming depleted and there are outstanding projects for this year. If the town chooses to contract the road, Sunset Road cannot be done. It was noted that the Road Committee is meeting on Wednesday at 4pm. A work meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Mark Rasmussen stated that there shouldn't be another ounce of dirt turned over until the other projects are completed. Bob Lang agreed and is planning to be done by June.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECEIVING A BUILDING DONATION FROM THE BIRKIE FOUNDATION –**

Chairman Hancock stated that the Birkie Foundation is building a new building on OO. The building is being built on county land and the county is regulating only one building on that portion of land. The old building is setting on that land and needs to be removed. The Birkie Foundation would like to give the building to the town. There are a few places it could be useful; by the walking trails, skating rink shed or out at the Rec Park. The Birkie Foundation would be able to raise the monies to move the building if the town could find a use for the building. Supervisor Popelka asked about the condition of the building and if it fit any of our needs. If the town would consider taking the building it would be put on blocks until the town could remove. There was discussion on where it would be placed and for what need. There was discussion on the Cable Tomorrow's objectives. Tabled for more input from Cable Tomorrow.

**REQUEST FROM CARE TO USE KAVANAUGH ROAD, 2ND STREET AND RANDYSEK ROAD FROM 8-9AM FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL CARE 5K/10K WALK RUN ON JULY 4, 2018 –** MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to allow CARE to use Kavanaugh Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Randysek Road from 8 to 9am for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual CARE 5K/10K walk run on July 4, 2018. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING DESIGN STANDARDS AND FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GUIDELINES FOR THE TOWN OF CABLE –**

Chairman Hancock stated that presently there are no design standards for those who are renovating or building in town on commercial property. The Design Guidelines will establish these standards. It was noted that there are certain loans that require design standards from the town. The document is not finalized, but the Plan Commission and Connect Community Group has worked on it. Suzanne Rooney stated that it would be great to have input from the community, and then go before the Plan Commission and then to the Town Board. There was discussion on if a resolution was needed. Tabled for a recommendation from the Plan Commission.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON HIRING AN AIS STAFF COORDINATOR –** Chairman Hancock explained that Tammy Rasmussen was coordinating the AIS program. Kelli Tuttle, Deputy Clerk, will do all the paperwork side of the AIS program. The town needs to hire someone to organize the staff for the program. Supervisor Thurn spoke with Scott Gooler who is willing to serve in this capacity. He will be in charge of the landing monitors, work with Sue Thurn to publicize for employees, do all the training and set up the schedule. Sue Thurn will be the direct supervisor on the AIS project. He will continue to work at the transfer site. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to

hire Scott Gooler as AIS coordinator for 2018 Clean Boats/Clean Waters program at \$13/hour. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Popelka. Time spent would be 25% of the match. Limiting hours was discussed. MOTION carried.

**DISCUSSION ON THE CENSUS** – Chairman Hancock explained that there is a LUCA program that needs to be done for the 2020 Census. The town assumed responsibility. Kelli Tuttle, Deputy Clerk, informed the town that the County will do the work, and the town does not need to handle this program.

**APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY FOR PLAN COMMISSION** – Chairman Hancock appointed Deanne Allen as Secretary for Plan Commission.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMPENSATION FOR CHAIR OF PLAN COMMISSION** – Chairman Hancock stated that in order to increase compensation for the Plan Commission Chair and the Commissioners an Ordinance Amendment would need to be done. It was noted that the budget does not include any increase. There will be no change at this time.

**APPOINTMENT OF PLAN COMMISSION MEMBER TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM FROM MAY 2017 THROUGH APRIL 2019** – Chairman Hancock explained that James Bolen is stepping down from this position. Chairman Hancock appointed Monte Lewis as a Plan Commission member to fill the unexpired term from May 2017 through April 2019.

**APPOINTMENT OF PLAN COMMISSION MEMBER TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED TERM FROM MAY 2017 UNTIL APRIL 2019** – Chairman Hancock explained that Supervisor Thurn is stepping down from this position. Tabled to find a replacement.

**APPOINTMENT OF PLAN COMMISSION CHAIR FOR A TERM FROM MAY 2018 THROUGH APRIL 2021** – Chairman Hancock explained that this is Karl Kastrosky's term. He explained that although he has emphasized the need for rotating members the town is in a vital stage, and Karl Kastrosky's knowledge and experience is needed. Chairman Hancock appointed Karl Kastrosky as Plan Commission Chair for a term from May 2018 through April 2021.

**APPOINTMENT OF TOWN OF CABLE CLERK TO FILL TERM THROUGH APRIL 2019** – Chair appointed Deanne Allen as Town of Cable Clerk to fill term through April 2019.

**RATIFICATION FOR COMPENSATION TERMS FOR THE DEPUTY CLERK** – Chairman Hancock explained that Kelli Tuttle was appointed as Deputy Clerk for 32 hours per week at \$17/hour. This was done at a work meeting and being ratified at this meeting.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON LIGHT POLES FOR DOWNTOWN AREA** – Supervisor Popelka stated that speakers are currently on power poles and the distance is limited. A wireless system to replace the existing system would cost about \$10,000. The town needs to look for grants for financial help. Chairman Hancock stated that there is a lot of information and discussion going into an Urban Plan. He would like to see one big plan and then invest in a downtown rejuvenation project. The lights on the poles need to be a part of that discussion. The Urban Plan discussion needs to be forwarded to the Connect Community Group.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECYCLING PICK UP** – Bob Lang stated that currently the town does not take many recyclable items because we can't get rid of them cost effectively. Joe Zuelke will take a lot of items we are not currently taking for a small cost or at no cost at all. A list was presented. He has good rapport with the Town of Barnes. All the stuff would go into one big pile right next to the building and be picked up weekly. The information on the Facebook page, website and at the Recycling Center would need to be updated. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to allow Joseph Zuelke to help provide scrap and recycling at the Recycling Center for



the prices presented. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Popelka. Chairman Hancock amended the MOTION to include removal of existing materials. MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to suspend the agenda to Item #36. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Thurn and carried.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING UPDATE ON TELEMAR REDEVELOPMENT** – Chairman Hancock stated that Telemark property has not been purchased yet. There are issues with the title and cleaning up property. The TIF District went through both the assembly and the senate legislation unanimously. The governor will be signing that law sometime in the spring. The developers would place the TIF District as a priority for finances. Chairman Hancock stated that he would like to see their financial obligations completely taken care of.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SUPPLYING POWER TO LEGION MEMORIAL TRIANGLE** – Bob Lang stated that power to the Legion Memorial Triangle needs to be considered for a central power location and for décor. He stated that the town could possibly run power over from Steve and Jeannie Dixon's house. A PED could be set on the triangle. The power company will do everything for free; the town would just need to pay for the PED itself. The cost would be approximately \$1,500 for labor and material. The Legion would like to go 50/50 on the cost. There was discussion on providing a meter elsewhere to be used for other things as well as the triangle. There was discussion if solar panels would be effective. Bob Lang will get more information. Tabled.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING EVENT CHECKLIST** – Cable Tomorrow presented an Event Checklist for all events taking place in the Town of Cable. It was noted that it should be placed on the website. The Plan Commission recommended the Event Checklist to the Town Board. MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve the Event Checklist and post on local outlets. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Popelka and carried. Chairman Hancock thanked everyone who helped put this together.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION TO BAYFIELD COUNTY FOR A BAYFIELD COUNTY HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT** – MOTION made by Chairman Hancock to apply for a Bayfield County Health Infrastructure Grant for Perry Lake Recreation Improvements. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Popelka and carried.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR A WISCONSIN DNR URBAN FORESTRY GRANT** – Kelli Tuttle explained that tree planting can be funded by a 50/50 grant up to \$25,000. The grant is matched with labor or cash. The grant is due October 1<sup>st</sup>. It would pay for a forester to come and help in the planning process. The funds will need to be budgeted for 2019. John Higgins funds could be part of the 50/50. The topic will be re-visited in July or August.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING 3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT AT JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION** – Tabled.

**RESOLUTION: ADOPTING THE TOWN OF CABLE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN** – The Plan is not completed, although it is very close. Tabled.

**SET DATE FOR NEXT REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING** – The Town Board monthly meetings are set for Thursday April 12, 2018, May 17<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup>, all at 6pm. The Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. A Public Hearing is set for Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, with a town board meeting to follow. A work meeting is set for March 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. The Board of Review is set for Thursday May 10<sup>th</sup> 6pm to 8pm. Open Book is set for April 26<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 6pm.

**BUDGET REVIEW** – None.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS** – MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to approve payment of the Town of Cable checks #8251 through # and the Forest Lodge Library checks #3196 through # and the Fire Department checks #2989 through #. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Popelka and carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to go into Closed Session at 9:49pm pursuant to S.19.85(1)(e) of the WI Statutes for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The board will reconvene in open session to take necessary action as required and resume regular town business. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Popelka. Roll Call: Hancock, Thurn, Popelka, Kelli Tuttle and Bjork. IN FAVOR – MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Supervisor Thurn to adjourn Closed Session and reconvene in open session at 10:11pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Popelka. Roll Call: Hancock, Thurn, Popelka, Kelli Tuttle and Bjork. IN FAVOR – MOTION carried.

There being no further business before the board, a MOTION was made by Supervisor Thurn to adjourn at 10:11pm. MOTION seconded by Supervisor Popelka and carried.

Approved:

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\*\*Treasurer's Report

General Fund \$ 95,156.24

Cemetery Fund \$1,282.08